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→ 3. ☒ A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on 08 MAR 00 and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

- ☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.
- ☒ Copy of the international application in:
 - ☐ a non-English language.
 - ☒ English.
- ☐ Translation of the international application into English.
- ☒ Oath or Declaration of inventor(s) for DO/EO/US.
- ☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments. ☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.

The Article 19 amendments ☐ have ☐ have not been entered.
- ☐ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.
- ☐ Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).

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The Annexes ☐ have ☐ have not been entered.
- ☒ Preliminary amendment(s) filed 08 MAR 00 and _____.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed _____ and _____.
- ☒ Assignment document.
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- ☐ Substitute specification filed _____.
- ☐ Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.
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- ☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☐ and copies of the references cited therein.
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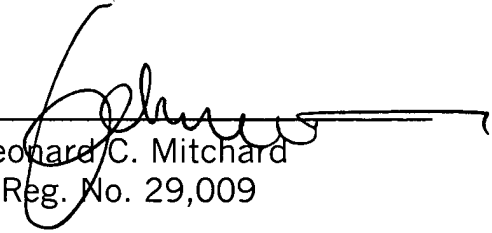
Attached is a copy of a Request for Vacation of Official Action filed in the Patent Office by way of facsimile transmission on February 26, 2001. Also attached is a copy of the telefax confirmation of receipt by the Patent Office of that request. The matter was discussed with Examiner Ford on several occasions, and the Examiner indicated that action would be taken to issue a written conformation that the Official Action mailed December 20, 2000 would be vacated. Written confirmation that that action has been vacated has not yet been received by the undersigned despite repeated telephone requests for the issuance of such a paper.

It is respectfully requested that a paper issue in this application confirming that the Official Action mailed December 20, 2000 has been vacated. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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